

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Psalms Bible Study - Part 1

Psalm 27:8-14

Lesson #8

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Psalms before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

8-10 **When You said, “SEEK MY FACE,”** my heart said, “Your face, Lord, I will seek.” **Do not hide Your face from me; do NOT turn Your servant away in ANGER;** You have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. **When my father and my mother FORSAKE me, then the Lord will TAKE CARE of ME.**

• **Joshua 1:5** “No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not _____ you nor _____ you.”

• **Deuteronomy 31:6** “Be _____ and of good _____, do not _____ nor be _____ of them; for the _____ your _____, He is the One who goes with you. He will _____ leave you nor _____ you.”

Definition: – “**Do NOT HIDE Your FACE from me; do NOT turn Your servant away in ANGER**”

– The expression “**SEEK GOD’S FACE**” means to DESIRE a CLOSER RELATIONSHIP with the Lord. When David says, “**Do NOT HIDE Your FACE from me**”, it means that WE, David, or anybody does NOT want to feel that God has turned His back on us, or that He will not help us. Some people think that God is ALWAYS MAD at them, because they have sin in their life. God hates sin, but **He is also merciful and SLOW to ANGER.** As believers in Jesus Christ, we can have CONFIDENCE that our Heavenly Father will ALWAYS WELCOME US and hear our prayers, **unless there is some SIN in our lives that is keeping us away from Him.** When we become AWARE that there is sin in our lives, **we need to CONFESS it to God, and He will forgive us,** and we are RESTORED to a RIGHT relationship with Him again.

• **I John 1:9** “If we _____ our _____, He is _____ and just to _____ us our sins and to _____ us from _____ unrighteousness.”

• **Psalm 69:17** “And do _____ Your _____ from Your servant, for I am in trouble; _____ me speedily”

• **Psalm 86:5 & 15** “For You, _____, are _____, and _____ to _____; and _____ in _____ to all those who call upon You. (Verse 15) “But You, O Lord, are a God _____ of _____, and _____, longsuffering, and _____ in _____ and truth.”

• **Joel 2:13** “So rend your heart, and not your garments; _____ to the _____ your _____, for He is _____ and _____, _____ to _____, and of great _____.”

• **Nahum 1:3** “The Lord is _____ to _____, and _____ in _____, and will not at all acquit the wicked..... “

11-12 **TEACH me Your way, O Lord, and LEAD ME in a SMOOTH PATH,** because of my enemies.

Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; **for false witnesses have risen against me,** and such as breathe out violence.

• **Proverbs 3:5-6** “_____ in the Lord with all your _____, and do _____ lean (rely, trust) on your own _____; in all your ways

acknowledge _____, and He shall _____ your _____.”

• **Psalm 32:8** “I will _____ you and _____ you in the _____ you should go; I will _____ you with My eye.”

Definition: “Teach me Your WAY, O Lord, and LEAD ME in a SMOOTH PATH” – When we follow God’s teachings and **ALLOW Him to teach us and guide us**, our paths are made smooth, and He directs our pathways through life. **The OPPOSITE** of having a smooth path through life by following the Lord, is **“the way of the transgressors is HARD” - meaning those who transgress God’s law (going against His law) will have a hard life and a tough road ahead.**

• **Psalm 23:3** “He restores my soul; He _____ in the _____ of _____ for His name’s sake.

• **Psalm 31:3** “For You are my _____ and my _____; therefore, for Your name’s sake, _____ me and _____ me.”

• **Psalm 5:8** “_____ me, O Lord, in Your _____ because of my _____; make Your _____ before my face.”

• **Psalm 143:8 & 10** “Cause me to hear Your _____; in the morning; for in You do I trust: cause me to know the _____ in which I should _____; for I lift up my soul unto You. _____ me to do Your _____; for You are my God: Your Spirit is good; _____ into the land of uprightness.”

Psalm 86:11 “_____ me Your _____, O Lord; I will _____ in Your truth; unite my heart to fear (reverence) Your name.”

• **Proverbs 13:14-15** “The _____ of the wise (God’s wisdom) is a fountain of _____, to turn one away from the snares of _____. Good understanding gains favor, but the _____ of the _____ is _____.”

13 I would have lost heart, **UNLESS I had believed that I would SEE the GOODNESS of the LORD in the LAND of the LIVING.**

• **Psalm 31:19** “Oh, how great is Your _____, which You have laid up for them that fear (reverence) You; which You have wrought for them that _____ in _____ before the sons of men.”

• **Psalm 34:8** “Oh, taste and _____ that the Lord is _____; blessed is the man who _____ in You.”

• **Exodus 33:18-19** “And [Moses] said, ‘Please, show me Your _____. Then He said, ‘I will make all My _____ pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the _____ before you. I will be _____ to whom I will be _____, and I will have _____ on whom I will have _____.’”

• **Exodus 34:5-7** “And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the _____ of the _____. And the Lord passed by before him and proclaimed, ‘The _____, the _____ God, _____ and _____, longsuffering, and abundant in _____ and truth, keeping _____ for thousands, _____ iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty.’”

• **I Chronicles 16:34** “O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is _____; for His _____ endures forever.”

Definition: “I would SEE the GOODNESS of the LORD in the LAND of the LIVING” – When it says **“in the LAND of the LIVING”** it means here on this earth, and not just waiting until we get to heaven. Yes, we have a lot of promises from God for when we get to heaven, but we also have a

lot of promises for our LIFE here on EARTH.

• **Philippians 4:19** "But my God shall _____ all your _____ according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

• **Psalms 23:1** "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall _____ be in _____."

• **Matthew 6:31-33** "Therefore, do _____, saying, 'What shall we _____?' or, 'What shall we _____?' or 'With what shall we _____ ourselves? For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly _____ knows that you _____ all these _____. But seek _____ the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and _____ these _____ shall be added (given) unto _____."

14 Wait on the Lord; **be of GOOD COURAGE**, and **He will strengthen your heart**; wait, I say, on the Lord!

• **Isaiah 26:3** "You will keep him in perfect _____, whose mind is stayed (focused) on _____."

• **John 14:27** "_____ I leave with you. My _____ I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not _____ your heart be troubled, neither _____ it be _____."

• **Philippians 4:6-7** "Be _____ for nothing, but in _____ by _____ and supplication, with _____, let your requests be made known to God; and the _____ of _____, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ _____."

Definition: "Be of GOOD COURAGE" – This is the same as when Jesus tells us to "**be of good CHEER.**" We are to keep our eyes focused on Jesus, and **totally RELY on His power and strength** to help us and see us through the problems in life. It is the opposite of being fearful and afraid.

• **Joshua 1: 7 & 9** "Only be _____ and very _____, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do _____ turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go."
(Verse 9) "Have I not commanded you? Be _____ and of _____; do _____ be _____, nor be dismayed, for the _____ your _____ is with you wherever you go."

• **John 16:33** "These things I have spoken to you, that in _____ you may have _____. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of _____ cheer, I have _____ the world."

• **Matthew 8:25-26** "Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' But He said to them, 'Why are you _____? O you of little _____?' Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea. And there was a great calm."

• **Matthew 9:22** "But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, 'Be of _____, daughter, your _____ has made you well.' And the woman was made well from that hour."

Definition: "I have OVERCOME the WORLD" – When He says that He has "overcome the world," part of the meaning in the original Greek is "**I have deprived it of power to harm you.**" The storm may be raging all around you, but **you are SAFE in Jesus.** He has deprived that situation of whatever harm it might have done you. You may think it is harming you while you're going through it, but because God is causing ALL things to work together for your good, and to make you more like

Christ (Romans 8:28-29), it is actually working for your eternal benefit, not harm.

• **Romans 8:28-29** “And we know that _____ things _____ together for _____ to those who _____, to those who are the called according to His _____. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be _____ to the _____ of His Son.....”

Definition: “ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER for GOOD” — Because God is all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving, and all-wise, we can TRUST HIM to know what He is doing when He ALLOWS certain things to happen in our lives. Does that include the “bad” things that happen in our lives that are the CONSEQUENCES of our own actions - our wrong choices and sins? Yes, the Lord loves us enough to even **work these things for our GOOD**, if we will let Him.

• **Psalm 37:23-24** “The _____ of a good man are _____ by the Lord, and He _____ in his way. Though he _____, he shall _____ be utterly (completely, finally) cast down; for the Lord _____ him with His hand.”

Definition: “WAIT on the LORD” – One of the hardest things for us to do, imperfect sinful creatures that we are, is **to wait for God to answer our prayers according to His wisdom and His timing**. We are so impatient, and we want what we want, and we want it now! There is an expression used in the Bible called “**waiting on the Lord**”, and we must learn to practice that kind of waiting. Sometimes God answers our prayers immediately, but other times there is a greater lesson to be learned in the “waiting on God” period, and so He does not give us an immediate answer. The **word translated “wait” also has the meaning of “hope” and “lean on” God**. We are not supposed to just wait on God in a vacuum, doing nothing, but **we are to trust and lean on Him**, trusting that He is working everything out in His perfect timing. Waiting on the Lord is an act of obedience. Waiting on God’s timing teaches us to trust God and allows “patience to have its perfect work” in our lives (James 1:2-4). Patience, the fruit of the Holy Spirit, will perform surgery, cutting out character defects like a scalpel, if we allow it to do its perfect work. We need to learn to obey God without analyzing the situation (“leaning on our own understanding” - Prov. 3:5), looking for other options, worrying (fretting), or whining and complaining (see Phil. 4:6-7, I Thess. 5:18).

• **James 1:2-4** “My brethren, count it all _____ when you fall into various _____, knowing that the _____ of your faith produces _____. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be _____ and complete, lacking nothing.”

• **Proverbs 3:5** “_____ in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”

• **Psalm 37:4-5** “Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. _____ your way to the Lord, _____ also in Him, and He shall _____ it to _____.”

• **Psalm 37:7-8** “_____ in the _____, and _____ patiently for Him; do _____ fret (worry) because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from _____, and forsake wrath; do not fret – it only causes harm.”

• **Psalm 37:23-24** “The _____ of a righteous man are _____ by the _____, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord _____ him with His hand.”

• **Psalm 25:3-5** “Indeed, let no one who _____ on _____ be ashamed; let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my

salvation; on You I _____ all the _____.”

•**Psalm 37:34** “_____ on the _____, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land....”